



Village of Brookfield

A news release from the Village of Brookfield

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Riverside Brookfield High School Unwilling to Consider Village Settlement Proposal

Brookfield, IL – Representatives of the Village of Brookfield met with representatives of the Riverside Brookfield School District (RBHS) on Thursday February 18th before Judge Mary Mikva at the Daley Center in Chicago. The goal of the meeting was to discuss settlement of the lawsuit RBHS filed against the Village for the zoning decision made after public hearings and due process in April 2015. The District claims the Village's decision was arbitrary and capricious.

An Agreement was reached for the Village to lift the stop work order and allow the District to finish the long jump and pole vault area in time for the track and field season.

Additionally, the Village presented a settlement proposal that would allow the District to construct new tennis courts and ensure parking on Rockefeller into the future while not allowing the construction of the neighborhood parking lot. The Village also offered, as it has in the past, to help lobby representatives of the Zoo and County to work out an agreement for the use of additional parking. As part of this settlement agreement, the Village would offer to extend the lease on the 108 parking spaces the District uses on Rockefeller for another ten years; the current lease expires next year. The Village has indicated to the District as part of the settlement discussions that if RBHS were to construct the parking lot, the Village, in an effort to protect the neighborhood, would not be amenable to renewing the lease. This would result in a net reduction in parking for RBHS even if they prevail in court.

The District refused the Village offer out right, demanded that the Village sell Rockefeller to the District, and made no concessions or counter proposals. The RBHS District prefers to go to trial.

The Village is deeply disappointed in the approach the District has taken, but looks forward to presenting the case before Judge Mikva late this year or early next year. The Village maintains that the decision to deny the parking lot was neither arbitrary nor capricious, as the District claims, but rather is a case of enforcing zoning code in a fair and representative manner following all due process.

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